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MEASURING FREQUENCY-RESOLVED STATES OF POLARIZATION OF A WORKING OPTICAL CHANNEL USING

POLARIZATION-SCRAMBLED HETERODYNING

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In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.56, Applicants submit the following disclosure in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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M. Boroditsky, et al., "In-Service Measurements of Polarization-Mode Dispersion and Correlation to Bit-Error Rate", *IEEE Phot. Tech. Lett.*, Vol. 15, No. 4, pp. 572-574 (April 2003)

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A copy of each the references set forth above has been enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner, and a separate listing of the same has been set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449.

In view of the present submission, it is believed that the above-referenced application is, in all respects, complete and in condition for further examination and favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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